



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-2816, **Agenda Item #:** 43.

9/19/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance authorizing acceptance of \$75,000 in grant funds from Sorensen Impact and the University of Utah, and amending the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20180911-001) to appropriate \$75,000 for the second year of the Pritzker Children's Initiative Fellows Program to support a Prenatal to Age 3 early childhood agenda.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$75,000 is available from Sorensen Impact and the University of Utah. A City funding match of \$75,000 is required and available in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget. A fiscal note is attached.

Prior Council Action:

August 30, 2018 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20180830-018 authorizing acceptance of grant funds and amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Public Health Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to appropriate grant funds, and authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The City was one of 12 cities invited by the National League of Cities (NLC) to apply for and receive a one-year technical assistance initiative, Cities Supporting a Strong Prenatal to Age 3 (PN-3) Agenda. This initiative is an opportunity to build on the collective work of our community over the past six years to develop the Austin/Travis County School Readiness Action Plan (SRAP). The NLC PN-3 grant will enhance the work being done in Austin through the SRAP to strengthen support for families of young children, and improve early childhood education and services. The Pritzker Children's Initiative (PCI) Fellows Program is an NLC PN-3 grant opportunity for cities and will bolster our focus on programmatic and policy strategies on behalf of the youngest members of our community, children ages 0-3, and during the prenatal period. The primary task of the PCI Fellows Program Fellow will be to lead a collaborative effort with key community partners to develop a coordinated enrollment system for early childhood education and care in our community that includes public Pre-K, Early Head Start, Head Start, and childcare subsidies.

The grant covers a period from August 27, 2018 through August 26, 2020, for an amount not to exceed \$150,000. The City of Austin is required to match funds per the following guidelines:

- Year 1: Local match expected is a minimum of 50% (minimum of \$37,500 to draw down the full \$75,000), but with the plan that communities can demonstrate local investment that equals the PCI investment.

- Year 2: Local match at 100% (minimum local match of \$75,000 to draw down a PCI match of \$75,000).

The General Fund will not be required to contribute additional funds beyond those currently budgeted to this grant. When the grant funds expire, Austin Public Health Department's need for continuing funding will be evaluated and may be denied.

Performance Measures:

- Improve Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Outcomes from preconception through young adulthood
- Improve Quality of Life and Reduce the Years of Potential Life Lost Due to Preventable Conditions